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Note verbale dated 27 January 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 67/94 on the consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives and to the related report of the Secretary-General (A/67/126 and Add.1), and submits the following information concerning that report:

1. On 21 July 2013, in the city of Sana'a, Yemen, Mr. Ahmad Nikbakht, a member of the staff of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sana'a, was abducted by armed terrorists and moved to an unknown location. The identity of the terrorists is still unknown and they have made no contact after the abduction. In spite of the efforts to secure Mr. Nikbakht's release from his armed kidnappers, no further development has occurred to date, which is a matter of serious concern for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A separate letter in this regard has already been circulated as a document of the General Assembly (A/67/955).

2. On 19 November 2013, a terrorist attack, organized and carried out by an extremist terrorist group linked to Al-Qaida, known and identified as Abdullah Azzam Brigades under the command of the deceased Majed al-Majed, a national of Saudi Arabia, targeted the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Beirut, Lebanon. This terrorist act claimed the lives of dozens of innocent Lebanese civilians and members of the staff of the Embassy, and damaged the surrounding areas, including the Iranian diplomatic premises in Beirut. The late Mr. Ebrahim Ansari, then cultural attaché of the Embassy, the wife of a diplomatic member and three local staff of the Embassy were among the victims. The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Beirut has been in close contact and cooperation with the Lebanese authorities to prevent the recurrence of such terrorist acts and bring the

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perpetrators to justice. It is worth mentioning that a press statement was issued by the Security Council on the same day to condemn the incident and to underline the need to bring the perpetrators to justice.

3. On 18 January 2014, a heinous terrorist attack targeted a diplomatic member of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sana'a, Yemen. This terrorist act claimed the life of Mr. Abolghassem Asadi, who was on his way back to the office. The Government of the Republic of Yemen has been duly notified of the serious concerns of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has asked the former to undertake its utmost efforts to prevent the recurrence of such atrocities by terrorists and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations wishes to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 81 of the preliminary list.